

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

"Hemostatic polymer composition" also called "hemostatic polymer" means a solution or other preparation which contains essentially two components: a substance containing uncharged organic hydroxyl groups and a substance containing at least one of a halogen atom and/or an epoxy group. The composition may also be referred to as HP 15. HP 15 means 1 gram of Sephadex™ G-150 that swells 15 times its original volume when placed in an aqueous environment. Its molecular weight exclusion limit is 3×10^5 or greater. Likewise, HP 20 is a modified form of HP 15 with lesser degree of cross-linkage. As well, its molecular weight exclusion limit is 5×10^5 or greater.